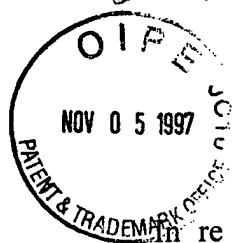


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Glen R. Sumner

Serial No.: 08/520,711

Filed: 08/29/95

Title: Offshore Pipeline with  
Waterproof Thermal Insulation

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Dear Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(A)

Applicant, Glen R. Sumner, hereby petitions under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a one (1) month extension of time for replying to the outstanding Office Action dated September 3, 1997. The petition would extend the time for replying to the outstanding Office Action to November 3, 1997.

The response is filed concurrently herewith. The fee of \$55.00 in payment of the one (1) month extension is also enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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